

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 12, starting at line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

As embodied herein and depicted in Figure 7, the receptacle openings of the protective device are protected with a flexible membrane 200 to keep out contaminants. The flexible membrane ~~[[100]]~~200 has sealable holes 202 corresponding to the receptacle openings 22. When sealable holes 202 are closed, body 20 is substantially sealed and contaminants are prevented from entering. When a plug blade or some other object is inserted into the receptacle opening 22, sealable hole 202 is configured to flex from a closed position into an open position, to thereby permit further insertion of the blade until an electrical connection with the corresponding electrical contact is made. Flexible membrane 200 may be configured to protect all receptacle openings, or may be configured to protect openings that are otherwise unprotected by the blade shutters, with or without mis-wire protection.